GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA

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Bio-Toilets
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the toilets with pits being constructed in rural areas pollute the ground water thus making it harmful for human consumption in the long run, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government is promoting the use of toilets built with bio- digester technology that was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization or any other technology that could treat the waste by using microbes; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)
(a) to (c) The government, as per the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) guidelines, provides that the States may adopt an appropriate technology for toilets, that will ensure safe disposal of human excreta and not cause any pollution of ground water. A menu of technological options, including twin pit toilets and bio-digester technology is available to the States to choose from, depending upon their local conditions.